

City of Alexandria, Virginia

MEMORANDUM

DATE: NOVEMBER 2, 2011

TO: MEMBERS OF THE TRANSPORTATION COMMISSION

FROM: ABI LERNER, P.E. DEPUTY DIRECTOR, T&ES

SUBJECT: AGENDA ITEM # 3 - FY 2013 CIP

ISSUE: FY 2013 City Capital Improvement Program (CIP) Development

RECOMMENDATION: That the Transportation Commission (Commission) provide guidance to staff for preparation of FY 2013 CIP for inclusion in the City Manager's FY 2013 budget.

DISCUSSION: At its October meeting, the Commission discussed proposed increases to the CIP over FY 2012 funding levels. City staff has received direction to maintain current CIP funding levels in the FY 2013 CIP. The Commission requested additional information from staff relating to options for how funding will be balanced over ten years given the current fiscal constraints on adding projects to the current CIP funding level.

The Commission requested additional information on DASH bus purchases. In addition to the buses shown in the FY 2012 CIP, there is funding from other sources for DASH bus purchases as shown in the table below.

FUNDING SOURCE	Previous Allocation	FY 2012	FY 2013	FY 2014	FY 2015	FY 2016	FY 2017	FY 2018
Urban Funds	\$3,656,000	\$670,000	\$1,955,000	\$400,000	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$0
¹ CMAQ/RSTP	\$4,300,000	\$1,300,000	\$1,950,000	\$2,660,000	\$2,030,000	\$2,080,000	\$2,820,000	\$2,160,000
City Funds	\$0	\$0	\$0	\$1,400,000	\$2,400,000	\$1,200,000	\$4,200,000	\$4,200,000
TOTAL	\$7,956,000	\$1,970,000	\$3,905,000	\$4,460,000	\$4,430,000	\$3,280,000	\$7,020,000	\$6,360,000
BUSES	² 12	3	6	6	6	5	11	10

¹ FY 2013 - 2018 CMAQ/RSTP Funding plan recently approved by Transportation Commission/City Council. These funds will be programmed into the FY 2013 – 2022 CIP.

² Ten buses have already been ordered.

As part of the Council's Strategic Plan, one of the objectives is to *develop local, reliable funding mechanisms to support a fiscally constrained transportation plan*. Last year the Council approved a 2.2 cent reservation of the property tax to fund transportation projects. This funding has provided the opportunity to fund many of the projects on the Long Range Transportation Plan (LRP) over the next ten years. However, there are still a number of unmet funding needs. Over the summer staff met with the sub-committee of the Transportation Commission to prioritize the unmet funding needs in the CIP based on the prioritization criteria developed by the Transportation Commission.

In coordination with the Transportation Commission subcommittee, staff recommends the following policy guidance from the Commission:

- Maintain funding priorities/levels from FY 2012 Expanded Transportation Funding (\$93M over ten years)
- Limit funding adjustments within Expanded Transportation Funding and Base CIP-Other (39M over ten years)
- Maintain funding for highest priorities set by Transportation Commission

Based on input from the Transportation Commission, staff will provide input to the City Manager to be incorporated into his proposed FY 2013 CIP for City Council consideration.